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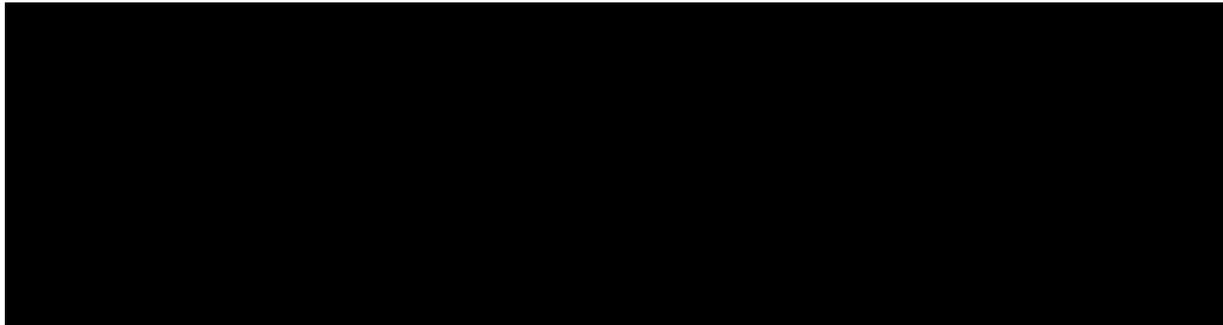
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1. According to Benjamin Guzman, a journalist described as a former "traveling liaison with the Socorro Rojo International", the Soviet Union is about to name an ambassador to Mexico who will also be accredited to the "democratic" Central American countries. Although the future ambassador's name was not divulged, Guzman stated that he would be a worthy successor to Constantin Oumensky.
2. Guzman said he was trying to contact the Salvadoran Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Miguel Rafael Orquiza, to determine his reaction to possible resumption of diplomatic relations by the Soviet Union with El Salvador.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. It is noted as of possible interest that Guzman went to Mexico City on 22 December 1948 and returned about two weeks later.

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